

- (b) whether these guidelines are being followed by the States Governments;
- (c) the amount spent during the last three years on the maintenance of those highways which pass through Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and
- (d) whether the State Governments complete all the maintenance work with the amount of grants only or they contribute their own share also towards this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Central Government is fully aware of the condition of National Highways in the country for which it is primarily responsible and efforts are made to keep the entire National Highways network in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) A statement giving details of allocation of funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is enclosed. (See below).

(d) The State Governments execute the work for maintenance of National Highways on the basis of the funds made available by the Central Government.

Statement

Allocation of funds for maintenance & repairs in the State of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the last three years.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	1999-2000 (SRP)
1.	Bihar	3410.77	3336.97	5807.64	6100.00
2.	Uttar Pradesh	4949.19	6128.44	6105.49	4074.00

Corporatisation of Paradeep Port

275. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to corporatise Paradeep Port;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the various activities included under the corporatisation plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to corporatise Paradeep Port. However, the Government have taken a decision, in principle, to corporatise existing Ports in phases starting with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of National Highways in U.P.

276. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for the expansion, development and maintenance of National Highways in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any target for the said purpose has been set;

(c) if so, the percentage of work of the set target completed as on date; and

(d) the details of amount allocated for this purpose and the details of the amount spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. During the Ninth Five Year Plan a length of 17,712 kms. has been added to National Highway network in the country including 1755 kms. in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Physical targets and achievements during the Ninth Five Year Plan are given in the Statement-I. (See below).

(d) Allocation for development and maintenance for different States are given in the Statement enclosed II and III respectively.